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C O N F I D E N T I A L BONN 14599

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SUBJECT: SPORTING EVENTS IN BERLIN: REPORTED SOVIET
PLAN TO SEEK CHANGE IN INTERNATIONAL HANDBALL
ASSOCIATION STATUTES

REFS: (A) 77 STATE A-1462; (B) BONN 2511;

(C) 77 BONN 4739

1. AT THE AUGUST 9 BONN GROUP MEETING, THE FRG
REP (VON BRAUNMUEHL) REPORTED THAT THE SOVIETS PLAN TO
PROPOSE, AT THE SEPTEMBER 6 MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL
HANDBALL ASSOCIATION MEETING IN REYKJAVIK, AN AMENDMENT
TO THE ASSOCIATION'S STATUTES WHICH WOULD PROVIDE THAT
THE ASSOCIATION'S EVENTS COULD TAKE PLACE ONLY IN
CITIES WHICH BELONG TO THE TERRITORY OF THE HOST
COUNTRY. THE EFFECT AND PRESUMABLY INTENT OF THE
ADOPTION OF SUCH AN AMENDMENT WOULD MEAN THAT THE FRG
CAN NO LONGER SCHEDULE SUCH EVENTS IN WEST BERLIN.

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VON BRAUNMUEHL ASKED THAT THE US, UK AND FRENCH
NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES TO THE ASSOCIATION BE BRIEFED
ON THIS MATTER IN ORDER THAT THEY, IN CONJUNCTION WITH
THE FRG REPS, CAN OPPOSE IT.

2. IF THIS OCCURS, IT WILL BE A NEW TWIST ON THE LONG-
STANDING SOVIET EFFORT TO PREVENT EVEN PRIVATE AND

UNOFFICIAL EVENTS FROM BEING HELD IN BERLIN UNDER
AUSPICES OF ORGANIZATIONS IN THE FRG. SUCH EVENTS ARE
IMPORTANT TO THE VIABILITY OF BERLIN AND THE THREE
ALLIES AND THE FRG HAVE CONSISTENTLY OPPOSED THE SOVIET
ATTEMPTS. WE RECOMMEND THAT THE DEPARTMENT BRIEF THE
US DELEGATES TO THE REYKJAVIK MEETING, PERHAPS USING
THE TEXT IN PARAGRAPH 3(C) OF REF (A) WHICH WAS ALSO
SENT TO ALL DIPLOMATIC POSTS, AND, IN ADDITION, PROVIDE
EMBASSY REYKJAVIK WITH THE CONTINGENCY PLAN FOR REPLIES
TO SOVIET PROTESTS (REFS B AND C) IN CASE THE EMBASSY
IS CALLED UPON TO RENDER FURTHER ASSISTANCE TO THE
US DELEGATION.
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